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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Hideki SUGIURA, et al.

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EXAMINER:

FOR: TONER FOR DEVELOPING ELECTROSTATIC IMAGE, DEVELOPER, PROCESS FOR FORMING IMAGE, AND IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS

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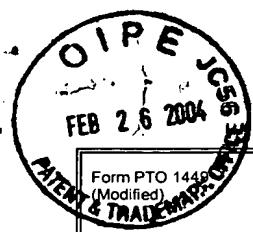
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